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E.O. 12065 GDS (3/2/85) HALLMAN, WILLIAM H) OR-P  
TAGS SHUM, AR  
SUBJECT (U) SUPREME COURT MOVES ON THE GIORGI CASE

1. (U) THE BUENOS AIRES HERALD FRONT-PAGED TODAY (3/2) STORY THAT THE SUPREME COURT HAS ORDERED THAT A JUDGE BE CHOSEN TO INQUIRE INTO THE CASE OF ALFREDO ANATONIO GIORGI, WHO WAS ABDUCTED FROM HIS WORK AS A RESEARCH SCIENTIST AT THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY (INFI) ON NOVEMBER 27, 1978 BY PERSONS CLAIMING TO BE MEMBERS OF THE SECRUTIIY SERVICE INVESTIGATING A NARCOTICS CHARGE. THE COURT ACTED ON BASIS OF A PETITION BY THE MAN'S FATHER, WHO STATED INTER ALIA THAT THE STAFF OF A COURT JUDGE HAD DENIED A HABEAS CORPUS WRIT FOR A PETTY REASON.

2. (U) THE HERALD RELATES THE CASE TO OTHER RECENT COURT DECISIONS AFFECTING DISAPPEARANCES (SEE BUENOS AIRES 1097) AND IN AN ACCOMPANYING EDITORIAL CITES THE DECISION AS A LANDMARK CASE. "(THE OCCASION) ... MAY GO DOWN IN HISTORY AS A GLORIOUS OCCASION ... (WHEN) OSVALDO CESAR GIORGI WALKED THROUGH THE PORTALS OF THE LAW COURTS IN BUENOS AND TOOK THE ELEVATOR TO THE FOURTH FLOOR, WHERE THE SUPREME COURT IS LOCATED. HE CARRIED WITH HIM A WRITTEN

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AM/CLINTA PROJECT (S200000044)  
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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director  
Exemption(s):  
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PETITION SIMILAR TO COUNTLES, LARGELY UNHEEDED,  
APPEALS HE HAD MADE TO THE GOVERNMENT, OTHER JUDGES...  
ON BEHALF OF HIS SON."

3. [REDACTED] WE UNDERSTAND THE HERALD'S ASSIGNMENT OF  
IMPORTANCE TO THIS CASE SINCE, AS THE NEWSPAPER  
POINTS OUT, THIS A NEW AND ASSERTIVE MOVE BY  
THE COURT OF ITS INTEREST IN THE WHOLE PROBLEM OF  
THE DISAPPEARED. IT IS IMPORTANT TOO THAT STEADY  
STRENGTHENING OF THE COUNRT'S POSITIONS ON HUMAN  
RIGHTS QUESTIONS FOLLOWS A PATTERN OF REJUVENATION  
OF THE LEGAL TRADE GENERALL -- SOME OF IT ENCOURAGED,  
WE BELIEVE, BY EFFORTS OF THE MISSION. (SEE 1978  
BUENOS AIRES 8796 AND 4632.)

4. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THE GIORGI CASE (681/78/12) HAS  
BEEN OF INTEREST TO THE EMBASSY SINCE ITS BEGINNING.  
WE ASKED ABOUT IT TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE WORKING  
GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN DECEMBER AND ARE AWAITING  
A REPLY. SEE ALSO HARRIS MEMCONS OF DECEMBER 26  
AND DECEMBER 28 REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY THAT  
GIORGI WAS SEEN IN A DETENTION FACILITY.  
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